

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The Congress, by Joint Resolution, has designated October of each year as "National Disability Employment Awareness Month"; and,

Whereas, We recognize the many contributions citizens living with disabilities make to our society, and we reaffirm our commitment to supporting them in achieving full inclusion in our workforce; and,

Whereas, We affirm the words of the Declaration of Independence of our nation that every human being has inherent worth bestowed upon them by the Creator, and that equality is a fundamental right; and,

Whereas, We affirm the words of the Declaration of Independence "We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of happiness;" and,

Whereas, We affirm our founding father's intent of equality resonates across America for people with disabilities and that obstacles preventing them from achieving their human potential be removed; and,

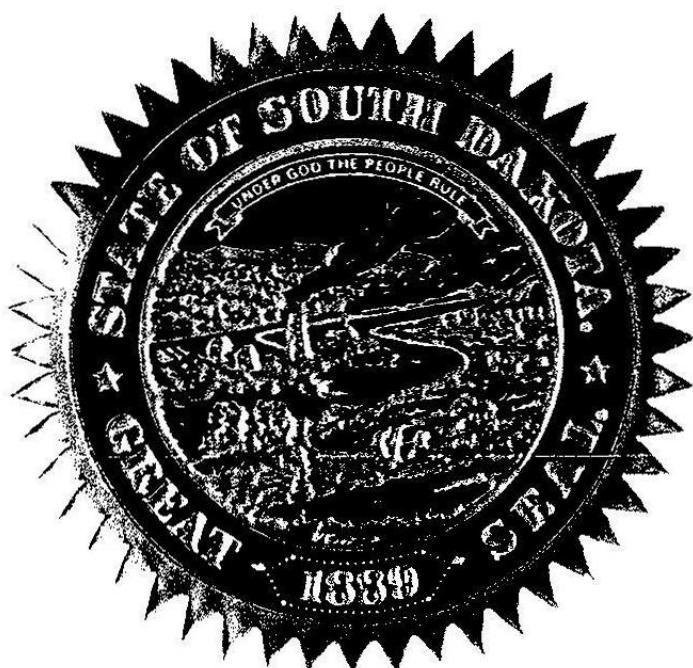
Whereas, Making good on this fundamental obligation is our duty as a state and nation:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 2008 as

DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota, and I call on all citizens to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities that support and promote providing employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

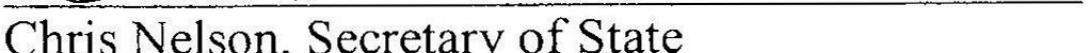
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.




M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:




Chris Nelson, Secretary of State